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THE

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and

SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

for the

YEAR ENDING

31st. DECEMBER, 1967

The Mayor, Aldermen & Councillors,
Calne Borough Council.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my annual report for the year 1967, in accordance with Regulation 15(5) of the Public Health Officers Regulations, 1959.

During the thirty years which have elapsed since 1938 when I was appointed Medical Officer of Health of the Borough of Calne, great changes and improvements in the public health have taken place.

The Borough has grown in population from 4,824 to 9,290; the number of inhabited houses has increased from 1,424 to 2,972; the rateable value has increased from £24,970 to £308,011 and a penny rate now produces £1,217 instead of £97. 18. 6d.

The more serious infections such as Diphtheria, Scarlet Fever, Pneumonia and Poliomyelitis are fortunately becoming things of the past due to the various schemes of immunisation of children introduced during the last war and since extended. The future immunisation of infants and children against measles will further reduce the amount of sickness in the child population.

Pulmonary tuberculosis is not yet eradicated and it is essential that children are immunised against this infection whenever necessary and that the adult population, especially the elderly, makes full use of the Mass Radiography Unit.

Intestinal infections require careful enquiry and diagnosis and there is a tendency for them to increase. Strict observance of personal hygiene is essential if the spread of these infections is to be prevented.

Estimates of Birth Rates and Death Rates in small populations show wide fluctuations on account of the small numbers involved, nevertheless the birth rate is now 21.1 compared with 11.82 in 1938 and the death rate is now 10.6 compared with a rate of 13.88 in 1938. The expectation of life has been raised and more of the population, particularly women, can now look forward to a survival to at least three score years and ten - an infrequent event in the past.

The activities of the Council in providing good housing, adequate sewage disposal and refuse collection, a pure water supply and supervision of the handling, processing and distribution of food, have been major contributions to the present very satisfactory state of the public health.

My thanks are due to the Council and its officers for the unfailing courtesy I have always received during my long service as your Medical Officer of Health, and I leave with regret an appointment which I have found to be both interesting and stimulating.

I have the honour to be

Your obedient Servant,

C.L. BROOMHEAD.



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GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	1,276
Population	9,290
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1967 according to the Rate Book).. ..		2,972
Number of Council dwellings at the end of 1967		1,053
Number of applicants for council dwellings at the end of 1967		293
Rateable Value		£308,011
Sum represented by the Penny Rate		£1,217

VITAL STATISTICS.

Birth & Death Rates compared with other areas.
(Births and Deaths per 1000 population) standardised*

	<u>BIRTH RATE</u>		<u>DEATH RATE</u>	
	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>
Calne Borough	19.9	21.1	10.4	10.6
Calne & Chippenham RDC	20.0	18.8	9.3	9.6
Wiltshire	18.7	17.8	10.4	10.2
England & Wales	17.7	17.2	11.5	11.2

*Comparability figures are supplied to each district by the Registrar General. These take into account the varying age/sex distribution of the population in different parts of the country. When applied to the local rates, they allow a more accurate comparison to be made between different areas.

STILL BIRTHS

Seven still births were notified during the year under review. The rate per 1,000 total births is 25. The comparative rate for England & Wales is 14.8

INFANT MORTALITY.

Deaths of Infants

	<u>Males</u>			<u>Females</u>		
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Legit</u>	<u>Illegit</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Legit</u>	<u>Illegit.</u>
Under one year	2	2	-	2	2	-
Under 4 weeks	1	1	-	2	2	-
Under one week	1	1	-	2	2	-

The Infant Mortality Rate, per 1000 live births.....20
Comparative rate for England & Wales.....18.3

DEATHS

The following deaths were notified during 1967.

<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
43	50	93

ANALYSIS OF CAUSES OF DEATH.

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	7	1	8
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	4	4
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	1	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	3	9	12
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	1	1
Diabetes	1	-	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	2	8	10
Coronary disease, angina	9	8	17
Hypertension with heart disease	-	2	2
Other heart disease	6	3	9
Other circulatory disease	2	2	4
Pneumonia	2	3	5
Bronchitis	3	-	3
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2	-	2
Gastritis, Enteritis and diarrhoea	1	-	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	4	5	9
Motor Vehicle Accidents	-	2	2
Suicide	-	1	1
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	<u>43</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>93</u>

More than half of the deaths occurring in the Borough during 1967 were due to Cancer, Coronary disease and Heart Disease collectively.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Cases of infectious disease notified during 1967, together with comparative figures for preceding years since 1964, are as follows:-

<u>DISEASE</u>	<u>1964</u>		<u>1965</u>		<u>1966</u>		<u>1967</u>	
	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)
Scarlet Fever	2	2	-	-	3	3	1	1
Whooping Cough	1	1	-	-	-	-	3	3
Measles	125	125	215	215	21	21	185	185
Dysentery	-	-	4	4	18	18	12	12
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salmonella Infection	7	7	1	1	1	1	1	1
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	11
TOTALS:-	<u>135</u>	<u>135</u>	<u>221</u>	<u>221</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>213</u>	<u>213</u>

PREVENTION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE - IMMUNISATION & VACCINATION.

Under Section 26 of the National Health Service Act, 1948, provision for vaccination against Smallpox, Diphtheria and such other diseases as the Minister may approve, is the responsibility of the County Council Health Committee. Immunisation against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus is available from one's family doctor and from County Council Child Welfare Immunisation Clinics. Triple antigen is now universally used and a course of injections with vaccine protects against all these diseases. With older children, vaccine immunising against Diphtheria and Tetanus, or Tetanus alone is available. Polio vaccination, using Sabin oral vaccine is offered at Clinics and by General Practitioners. Smallpox vaccination is carried out by the General Practitioners at their patient's request.

I am indebted to Dr. C.D.L. Lycett, the County Medical Officer for the following statistics concerning immunisation and vaccination procedures carried out in the Borough during the year under review.

Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus.

		<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1962-1952</u>	<u>others</u>	
<u>Year of Birth</u>							<u>1958</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>under</u>
									<u>16</u>
Primary imms completed during 1967	Diph	88	91	5	2	5	3	-	-
	Wh/c	88	85	-	-	1	-	-	-
	Tet	88	91	5	2	5	7	4	-
Reinf.injects administered during 1967	Diph	-	44	84	14	9	117	2	-
	Wh/c	-	8	25	2	1	17	-	-
	Tet	-	44	84	14	9	122	19	6

Smallpox

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Months.</u>				<u>Years</u>		
	<u>0-3</u>	<u>3-6</u>	<u>6-9</u>	<u>9-12</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2-4</u>	<u>5-15</u>
Vaccinations	-	4	-	5	89	12	13
Re-Vaccinations	-	-	-	-	-	3	8

Poliomyelitis

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>3rd Quad.Inj.</u>	<u>2nd.3rd.inj.or 4 Quad.inj.</u>	<u>4th Quad.inj.</u>	<u>3 oral doses</u>	<u>2 orals after 2 injs.</u>	<u>4 oral injs or 3 oral.</u>
1967	-	-	-	-	87	-
1966	-	-	-	-	89	-
1965	-	-	-	-	13	-
1964	-	-	-	-	4	-
1963	-	-	-	-	4	-
1958 - 1962	-	-	-	-	33	-
1952-1957	-	-	-	-	1	-
Others under 16	-	-	-	-	-	-
Others over 16	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS:	-	-	-	-	231	-
						185

LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY SERVICES.

The County Council Health Committee provide the following Health Services:-

1. The care of expectant and nursing mothers and young children.
2. Provision of midwives and maternity nurses.
3. Provision of Health Visitors. A new development is the arrangement whereby Health Visitors will work in closer liaison with General Practitioners.
4. Home Nurses.
5. Arrangements for vaccination and immunisation.
6. Ambulances.
7. Mental Health Services.
8. Home Helps. Such help is available if members of a household are ill, lying-in, suffering from mental illness or aged. A charge is made for such services.
9. Arrangements for the prevention of illness, care and after-care.
10. Health Education.

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES.

School Health Services are provided by the County Education Committee. In addition to the routine inspection of children of certain age groups in schools, a variety of facilities are provided with the aim of finding, assessing and treating physical and mental handicaps, so helping the child to make the best use of education.

To - The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors
of the Borough of Calne.

Mr. Mayor, Lady & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year, 1967.

The growth rate of the Borough was maintained fully during the year. It became necessary to review critically, the position of the refuse disposal service and to continue the planned expansion of the sewage disposal works.

The Borough Council agreed in principle to join with neighbouring Authorities in the establishment of a central refuse disposal plant. Preliminary talks were held and representatives of the proposed constituent Authorities visited the Ministry of Housing and Local Government to discuss the matter in further detail.

Problems arising at the By-Products factory of Messrs. C. & T. Harris (Calne) Ltd. and F.M.C. are being tackled with vigour but the drainage and effluent disposal from the Marden Farm Pig Experimental Unit gives rise to concern.

The scheme for securing a 100% meat inspection in the slaughterhouses within the Borough is operating well.

I am indebted to the members of the Public Health Committee, Dr. Broomhead, The Medical Officer of Health, Mr. Cowley, Deputy Public Health Inspector and other members of the staff for their support throughout the year.

I am Lady & Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

CLIFFORD C. DOWDING.

Senior Public Health Inspector.

RAINFALL 1967.

The rainfall is recorded at the Sewage Disposal Works, the reading being taken at 9 a.m. each day. From this information, the following table is compiled.

<u>MONTH.</u>	<u>TOTAL RAINFALL</u> <u>(in inches)</u>	<u>GREATEST FALL</u> <u>IN 24 HOURS.</u>	<u>NUMBER OF DAYS</u> <u>WITH .01" OR</u> <u>MORE.</u>
January.	1.518	.270	12
February.	3.360	.850	12
March.	1.866	.430	11
April.	.768	.372	8
May.	4.718	.662	22
June.	1.491	.620	4
July.	1.009	.340	9
August.	1.619	.430	11
September.	3.477	.680	18
October.	4.418	.780	21
November.	.994	.214	11
December.	1.661	.520	15

The total rainfall for the year was 26.899 inches.

The wettest day was February 27th, being .850.

The driest month was April and the wettest month October.

WATER.

The water undertaking is operated by the North Wilts Water Board and the Borough receives water from Chippenham and Yatesbury as well as the springs at Calstone.

Samples of 'consumer water' i.e. treated water from household taps, are submitted to the Public Health Laboratory, Bath each week, to establish a routine control. Further samples are taken on complaint.

During the year under review 70 samples of chlorinated water were submitted and 66 of these proved to be satisfactory. The unsatisfactory samples showed insufficient chlorination of the water following repairs to the main. A series of check samples quickly showed that the required dosage had been restored to the water supply. Information on unsatisfactory samples is referred immediately to the North Wilts Water Board.

From time to time tests are also taken to establish the degree of residual chlorine present in the water.

WATER SUPPLY. INFORMATION REQUIRED BY CIRCULAR 1/67.

- (a) The water supply has been generally satisfactory.
- (b) No Bacteriological samples of raw water have been taken.
- (c) The water supply is not plumbo solvent.
- (d) Where contamination of piped water is detected as a result of routine sampling the North Wilts Water Board are informed immediately.

SEWAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

It is estimated that the percentage of all inhabited houses in the Borough not connected to the sewer is less than 2% and this is due to insufficient fall and isolation.

It is hoped to reduce this percentage still further by sewerage the extreme Northern part of the Borough with the aid of a pumping station and a scheme has been prepared and tender accepted.

The Council's Consulting Engineers are preparing a scheme to enlarge the existing Sewage Disposal Works to cope with development which has taken place within the Borough, and proposed development.

The following figures indicate the cost of the service.

EXPENDITURE.INCOME.

	Actual 1966/67.	Estimate 1967/68.	Probable 1967/68.		Actual 1966/67.	Estimate 1967/68.	Probable 1967/68.
Wages & Insurance.	3447	3598	3799	M/s Harris.	900	900	900
Rates.	1278	1316	1380	Invest Income.	64	60	-
Admin. & Office.	140	155	142	Calne & Chip. R.D.C.	569	800	802
Main. & Mat.	829	850	850				
Power & Light.	649	750	711				
Transport & Hire.	278	300	180				
Sundries.	92	100	104	Sale of Soil.	79	35	-
Loan Charges.	11532	12117	11308				
<u>Plant and Equipment.</u>							
Tractor. Cap. Inst.	268	-	-	Use of Tractor.	202	290	-
Tractor Running Eps.	238	-	20				
Dumper.	39	520	533				

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

The Council operates a weekly collection of household refuse using direct labour. Salvage is collected each Monday. The service continues to operate satisfactorily despite the increased demands consequent upon a growing population. This has necessitated an increase of the collection staff and a new refuse vehicle has also been added.

The refuse from the Borough is disposed of by the Sanitary Landfill method, the refuse being dumped in the sand workings of a Local Company and covered with top soil to reclaim the land which has been exposed.

The cost of collecting within the Borough is reflected in the following table. (see Page 3.)

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.EXPENDITURE.INCOME.

	<u>Actual</u> <u>1966/67.</u>	<u>Estimate</u> <u>1967/68.</u>	<u>Probable</u> <u>1967/68.</u>		<u>Actual</u> <u>1966/67.</u>	<u>Estimate</u> <u>1967/68.</u>	<u>Probable</u> <u>1967/68.</u>
Admin. & Office.	149	140	150	Sale of Waste Paper.	1257	1450	1290
Main. & Mat. 164		150	234	Use of Vehicle.	5	5	5
Transport. 1082		1035	1135	Other Income.	-	30	70
Wages & Ins.	7528	8005	8916				
Cont'n to Swimming Pool Fund.	570	650	603				
Refuse Veh. Cap. Ins.	557	562	554				
Electric Baling Press.	-	380	430				

NEW HOUSING.

132 units were completed during the year and the following tables indicates the rate of progress by the Local Authority, Private Enterprise and a Housing Association.

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>LOCAL AUTHORITY.</u>		<u>PRIVATE ENTERPRISE.</u>		<u>HOUSING ASSOCIATION.</u>	
	<u>UNDER CONSTRUCTION.</u>	<u>COMPLETED.</u>	<u>UNDER CONSTRUCTION.</u>	<u>COMPLETED.</u>	<u>UNDER CONSTRUCTION.</u>	<u>COMPLETE</u>
January.	46	8	61	3	-	-
February.	48	6	58	3	-	-
March.	46	2	53	7	-	-
April.	38	14	54	7	-	-
May.	32	6	50	4	-	-
June.	51	6	45	7	-	-
July.	59	8	44	5	-	-
August.	72	8	49	3	-	-
September.	72	5	49	5	-	-
October.	69	5	55	3	-	-
November.	92	3	49	6	-	-
December.	93	3	48	5	-	-
		74		58		

HOUSE IMPROVEMENT GRANTS.HOUSE PURCHASE ACT, 1959 as amended byTHE HOUSING ACTS 1961 and 1964.Standard Grants for Improvement of Dwellings.

12 Grants totalling £2,216 were approved during the year. The following table indicates the amenities provided.

Grants approved.				Amenities.				
	Appli'ns Received & Approved.	Grants Paid.	Amount.	Bath.	Wash Basin.	H.W. Supply.	W.C.	Food Store.
January.	3	3	£621	2	2	3	2	2
February.	1	2	£288	2	2	2	2	2
March.	-	1	£155	1	1	1	1	1
April.	-	2	£425	1	1	2	1	1
May.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
June.	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
July.	-	1	£155	1	1	1	1	1
August.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
September.	1	2	£425	1	1	2	1	1
October.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
November.	-	1	£147	1	1	1	1	1
December.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL.	9	12	£2,216	9	9	12	9	9

DISCRETIONARY GRANTS.

There was one Discretionary Grant approved and paid during 1967 in the sum of £355.

CERTIFICATE OF DISREPAIR (RENT ACT 1957).

No applications were received for Certificates of Disrepair or for any other certificates prescribed by the Act.

SALE OF COUNCIL HOUSES.

Council houses are no longer being sold to the tenants.

COUNCIL'S WAITING LIST.

The number of people on the Council's waiting list at the 31st December, 1967 was 274 (approximately).

IMPROVED COUNCIL HOUSES.

Improvements to 20 Council houses were completed during the year. These houses are now equipped with the five standard amenities.

PROPERTIES IN CLEARANCE AREAS.

Following objections, a Public Enquiry into the Borough Council's proposals, reference Curzon Street Clearance Area, was held in the Town Hall on 5th December, 1967.

RODENT CONTROL. PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

The Council employ a part-time rodent operator to treat all premises in the Borough where rats or mice are reported. Extensive use is made of Warfarin, one of the better anti-coagulants, to destroy rats and mice, but acute poisons such as zinc-phosphide and arsenious oxide are also used in conjunction with various baits, in an effort to avoid an immunity being built up against Warfarin. No case of 'Warfarin Resistance' has been encountered.

Hydrogen cyanide has also been used effectively, under proper weather conditions, in the treatment of the refuse tip and river banks.

The sewer network within the Borough was treated twice during the year and no serious infestation is apparent.

Two large migratory infestations were discovered and effectively dealt with during the year.

It has not been necessary to take legal proceedings against any owner or occupier, under the Act.

The following table provides a summary of the years work.

Measure of Control by Local Authority.

	Type of Property.				TOTAL.
	Local Authority.	Dwelling House.	Agricultural.	All other including business & Industrial Premises.	
1. Total number of properties in the L.A.'s District.	6	2950	13	504	3473
2. Number of properties inspected by the L.A. as a result of :-					
(a) Notification.	(a) 2	60	2	6	70
(b) Otherwise.	(b) 22	24	3	5	54
3. Number of properties (under 2) found to be infested by rats.	(Major) -	-	-	2	2
	(Minor) 23	78	5	8	114
4. Number of properties (under 2) found to be seriously infested by mice.	1	4	-	-	5
5. Number of properties infested (under 3 & 4) treated by the Local Authority.	24	82	5	10	121
6. Revisits.	55	186	14	27	282

THE SLAUGHTER OF PIGS (ANAESTHESIA) REGULATIONS, 1958.

Messrs. C. & T. Harris (Calne) Ltd., continue to slaughter pigs using the CO₂ chamber method. This is licensed by the Borough Council and a certificate of approval under Regulation 9, is in force. The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food are informed that the apparatus is in use.

THE DISEASES OF ANIMALS (WASTE FOOD) ORDER 1957.

The Borough Council exercise powers of delegation under the above Order and four boiling plants are licensed and inspected from time to time.

MEAT INSPECTION REGULATIONS 1963. STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS 1963/1229.INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

The Borough Council continues to provide a 100% meat inspection service at the two slaughterhouses within the Borough. At the slaughterhouse of Messrs. C. & T. Harris (Calne) Limited the full time inspectorate consists of a Veterinary Officer and five Authorised Meat Inspectors.

During the year 177,847 pigs were slaughtered and examined at this factory.

At the other slaughterhouse, that of Messrs. L. & O. Hawkins, the inspection is carried out by the Council's two Public Health Inspectors, this duty being largely carried out after normal working hours. This slaughterhouse caters mainly for the slaughter of animals destined for sale at the Central Markets, Smithfield, London, but also serves the requirements of butchers in the Borough and the surrounding areas.

The amount of money recovered from Messrs. Hawkins for inspection services provided throughout the year 1967 was £425. 18. 6.

The following table reflects the years work at Messrs. Hawkins slaughterhouse :-

	<u>Cattle exclud- ing Cows.</u>	<u>Cows.</u>	<u>Calves.</u>	<u>Sheep and Lambs.</u>	<u>Pigs.</u>	<u>Goats.</u>
Number killed :	462	5	5199	5697	844	4
Number inspected :	462	5	5199	5697	844	4

The following carcasses or parts of carcasses were condemned :-

All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.

Whole carcasses :	-	-	47	26	1	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ condemned :	44	2	81	608	274	-

Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.

9.5%	40%	2.5%	11.2%	29.1%	-
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Tuberculosis only.

One case of localised bovine tuberculosis was encountered during the year. The Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food were acquainted with the details. This case represents 0.214% of the cattle slaughtered.

2 parts of carcasses were condemned representing 0.237% of the total.

Cystercercus Bovis.

1 case was demonstrated representing 0.214% of the total.

CONDEMNATION OF FOODSTUFFS OTHER THAN AT THE SLAUGHTERHOUSE.

The following foodstuffs were examined and found to be unfit for human consumption. The several owners voluntarily surrendered the food to be destroyed and Certificates were issued accordingly.

521 tins meat.	87 tins beans.
151 tins mixed vegetables.	1150 tins tomatoes.
67 tins soup.	131 tins fish.
649 tins fruit.	53 tins milk.
362 tins peas.	34 tins potatoes.
86 tins fruit juice.	22 tins cream.
7 tins jam.	71 tins beetroot.
48 tins carrots.	5 pkts. cheese.
40 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. bulk cheese.	198 lbs. lamb.
146lbs. beef.	140 lbs. bacon.

The increased amount condemned reflects the opening of a wholesale food warehouse in the Borough.

THE MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) REGULATIONS 1960 and 1963.

Licences were issued for various designated milks to four dealers by the Borough Council under the Delegation Agreement with the Wiltshire County Council.

Since the 31st December, 1965 dealer's licences granted will continue in force for a period of five years.

Regular sampling was carried out by Officers of the Authority and the following table indicates the range and frequency of the sampling.

<u>GRADE.</u>	<u>SAMPLING & SOURCE.</u>	<u>EXAMINATION REQUIRED.</u>	<u>SAMPLING FREQUENCY.</u>
Untreated (T.T.).	Producer/Retailers & Distributors.	Methylene Blue & Biological.	Monthly. Quarterly.
T.T. Pasteurised.	Distributors.	Phosphatase & Methylene Blue.	Quarterly.
Pasteurised.	Distributors.	Phosphatase & Methylene Blue.	Monthly.

During the year the following samples were purchased and analysed at the Public Health Laboratory at Bath.

	<u>Satisfactory.</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory.</u>	<u>Void.</u>
Untreated.	16	—	—
Untreated Channel Islands.	12	—	—
Pasteurised.	22	—	—
Pasteurised Channel Islands.	16	—	1
	66	—	—

In addition 7 sets of bottle rinses were submitted for bacterial examination and all gave satisfactory results.

10 samples of untreated milk were submitted for biological examination during the year, and all were found to be free from Tuberculosis and also negative on ring test for Brucella Abortus.

ICE CREAM.

19 premises within the Borough are registered for the storage, and sale of ice cream. In addition three mobile shops tour the area regularly. 68 samples of ice cream were purchased and sent for analysis to the Public Health Laboratory at Bath, during the year. All these samples were found to be of Grade I.

THE FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 1960.

Regular inspections are made of all food premises within the Borough under the provisions of the above Regulations. In the main the premises are found to be quite sound structurally as a result of previous visits. Minor infringements are found from time to time and these have been dealt with very satisfactorily through a policy of informal action and instruction so that it has not been necessary to take legal proceedings against any food trader during the year. The staffs of Wiltshire County Council School Kitchens were visited before each term and given a 'pep talk' on food handling.

The 96 food premises in the Borough may be classified as follows :-

Bakehouses.	2	Cafes and snack bars.	3
Confectioners.	15	Butchers.	8
Fried Fish Shop.	1	Grocers.	15
Bakers Shops.	2	Meat Manufacturing Premises.	1
Green Grocers.	7	Halls, Canteens.	13
Boarding Houses & Hotels.	3	Public Houses, Off Licences & Clubs.	20
Central School Kitchen.	1		
School Kitchens.	5		

A minor outbreak of food poisoning involving 5 children and 7 staff at a local school occurred during the year. Intensive enquiries revealed that the illness had been introduced via an infected ox tongue from which the causative agent, Cl. Welchii was isolated. The tongues were supplied by a Hampshire firm.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

H.M. Inspector has been asked to report on the office block of Messrs. C. & T. Harris (Calne) Limited, which falls into a special category. Broadly speaking all premises as defined in the Act have been registered with the Local Authority and subsequent inspections made to ensure compliance with the Act and Regulations.

The following report is taken from the Annual Report sent to the Minister of Labour and shows the progress made to date.

NUMBER OF PREMISES REGISTERED AND INSPECTED.

<u>PREMISES REGISTERED.</u>		<u>PREMISES INSPECTED.</u>	
Offices.	23		15
Retail Shops.	57		57
Wholesale Shops warehouses.	6		6
Catering establishments.	6		6
Fuel Storage Depots.	3		1

ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED.

Offices.	95
Retail Shops.	291
Catering Establishments. (open to the public).	45
Canteens.	32
Fuel Storage Depots.	18
Wholesale Depts., Warehouses.	102
	<u>583</u>

Total Males. 289. Total Females. 294.

THE CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960.

FIVE sites are at present li censed and these are visited periodically to ensure compliance with the licensing conditions.

No new sites have been licensed during the year under review.

FACTORIES ACTS 1937-1959.

The following is a summary of the working of the Act as it effects the Local Authority. No certificates are now issued in respect of means of escape in case of fire.

<u>Premises.</u>	<u>No. on Register.</u>	<u>Inspections.</u>	<u>Notices.</u>	<u>Prosecutions</u>
Factories in which Sec. 1,2,3,4 & 6 are enforced by Local Authority.	5	21	3	NIL.
Factories NOT included in the above (1) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	38	41	13	NIL.
Other Premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by Local Authority. (Excluding Outworkers).	NIL.	NIL.	NIL.	NIL.

OUTWORKERS.

There are no outworkers within the Borough and no company operating in Calne sends out work.

<u>CASSES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.</u>	<u>Found.</u>	<u>Remedied.</u>	<u>Prosecutions</u>
Want of Cleanliness.	5	5	-
Overcrowding.	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature.	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation.	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage and Floors.	-	-	-

<u>SANITARY CONVENIENCES.</u>	<u>Found.</u>	<u>Remedied.</u>	<u>Prosecutions</u>
Insufficient.	-	-	-
Unsuitable and Defective.	2	2	-
Not separate for sexes.	-	-	-

SUMMARY INSPECTION OF DISTRICT.VISITS.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.	-	201
Under Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960.	-	42
Under the Public Health Act, 1936.	-	1007
Under the Food and Drugs Act.	-	1837
Under the Housing Act, 1957.	-	163
Under the Factories Act, 1937-1948.	-	32
Under the Building Regulations 1965 (Excluding Drains)	-	598
Drains	-	42
Miscellaneous Visits.	-	320

